

industries including small scale industries, under the BIS certification marks scheme. To encourage SSIs to adopt BIS certification, concession on marking fee is given.

(c) Government have put in place several measures to strengthen our small scale industries and to make them globally competitive. These include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, infrastructure assistance through cluster approach, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management practices, use of electronic infrastructure and other IT applications to face the emerging challenges of trade liberalization. A comprehensive policy package for the development of SSIs was announced on 30th August, 2000. The policy package will enhance the competitiveness of SSIs through easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Credit Guarantee Scheme for SSIs

1349. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Credit Guarantee Scheme' in respect of small scale industries;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether the nationalised banks honour the scheme and provide loans to small entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government have launched Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme on 30th August, 2000 with a view to alleviating the problem of collateral security and impediment to flow of credit to Small Scale Industries sector. This scheme is being operated by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) through member lending institutions *i.e.*, Scheduled Commercial Bank (Public Sector, Private or Foreign Banks), select Regional Rural Banks, National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. and North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd, or any other institutions as may be

directed by the Government. The scheme provides guarantee cover upto 75% of the credit to new and existing Small Scale Industrial units on loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs.

(b) The State-wise details on the number of beneficiary units covered under the scheme since inception are given in the Statement (See below)

(c) Although, the Credit Guarantee Scheme is optional for the lending institutions, <24 banks/institutions, including nationalised banks have become member-lending institutions of CGTS1 upto 31st October, 2001 for providing collateral free loans to small entrepreneurs.

Statement

StateAJT- wise number of beneficiary units covered under the scheme as on 31st October 2001.

State/UT	Beneficiary units (No.s)
Anadaman & Nicobar Islands	3
Andhra Pradesh	32
Assam	51
Bihar	39
Chhattisgarh	58
Delhi	5
Goa	2
Gujarat	67
Haryana	53
Himachal Pradesh	94
Jammu & Kashmir	9
Jharkhand	48
Karnataka	65
Kerala	114
Madhya Pradesh	253

State/UT	Beneficiary units (No.s)
Maharashtra	132
Manipur	16
Meghalaya	3
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	1
Orissa	48
Punjab	126
Rajasthan	38
Sikkim	2
Tamil Nadu	115
Uttar Pradesh	719
Uttaranchal	5
West Bengal	44
GRAND TOTAL:	2143

Note: The Scheme is operational since January 2001.

Placing of SPY satellite in orbit by ISRO

1350. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation is considering to place a spy satellite in the orbit;
- (b) if so, whether the ISRO is preparing to "build more satellite at a faster rate, incorporating new technologies" like microwave imaging;
- (c) whether ISRO is also considering to double its capacity to four satellites annually from two to meet the rising demands for services; and
- (d) if so, by when a final decision for launching of a spy satellite would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARARAJE): .

- (a) No, Sir.